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In the Matter of the Application of: S. Kanbara, et al.

For: AN ACOUSTIC CONTACT DETECTING DEVICE

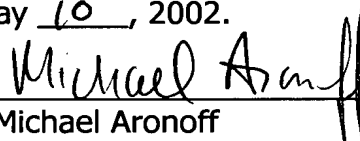
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Michael Aronoff

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment to an international application, Application No. PCT/JP00/04295, which has entered the national stage of prosecution in the United States. Before examining this application, please amend this application as set out in the Amendments and Remarks below. Please charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 18-0560.